

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **March 25, 2010** @ 4:00
Santa Barbara Police Department Annex
222 E. Anapamu St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Lennon, Signor and Christiansen (Signor & Rodriguez excused absences)

Staff Present: Councilmember Bendy White, Police Chief Cam Sanchez, Fire Chief Andy DiMizio, Assistant City Attorney Michelle Montez, Sgt. Riley Harwood, Police Technician Holly Perea and Secretary, Barbara Sansone

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Signor to approve minutes of **February 25, 2010**

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

None

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Christianson asked to agendaize the possible compiling of an Annual Report prepared by Commissioners to submit to Councilmembers. This will be on the April 22, 2010 Agenda.

7. AMIR PRIVATE SECURITY, INC. PATROL UNIFORM APPROVAL

Present: None

MOTION: Christianson to approve the uniform for Amir Private Security, Inc. Proof of current license in good standing was presented to Commissioners.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion Passed

8. BUDGET PRESENTATION BY BOB SAMARIO

- Acting City Finance Director Bob Samario gave a Power Point budget presentation to the Commissioners. Commission secretary Barbara Sansone handed out copies of the Power Point to Commissioners after the presentation.
- There was a brief Q & A after the presentation

9. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAYOR SCHNEIDER AND COUNCILMEMBER DAS WILLIAMS RE THEIR REQUEST FOR AMENDING THE DANCE PERMIT ORDINANCE.

- Commissioner Signor was against changing any part of the Dance Ordinance to exempt beer and wine bars with occupancy 80 or less outside the Entertainment District
- Commissioners wanted to know how many businesses would be impacted
- Councilmember White asked the Commissioners for their reasons in not wanting to change the ordinance
- Commissioners asked that this matter be continued to the next meeting, this request was granted

*Letters from Susie Thompson and Kay Morter were read aloud by Secretary Barbara Sansone, asking that the Commissioners recommend to Council that no changes be made to the Dance Ordinance.

10. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT –

Topics presented:

- No significant fires
- Event at the airport; plane landed with its gear up and airport was closed for 1 ½ hours
- No water damage during rains
- April 28th department will host the Wildland Fire Season Opener at Scofield Park; invites will be sent to Commissioners; 11:00-1:00; Put on by County Fire Chiefs
- Budget option to reduce firefighter overtime; brownouts (temporary closures)
- Majority of budget comprised of salaries and benefits
- Brownouts will affect Stations 3 & 4; hoping to not have to go there
- Trying to come up with concessions with labor group
- Response time between 4 & 6 minutes; average of 4 minutes
- When structure fires occur, the department sends 3 engine companies (9 firefighters) a truck company (4 firefighters) and a Battalion Chief; goal is to provide a concentration of firefighters

11. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- 4 cadets in the Academy in San Bernardino to graduate June 17th
- Explorer Program; 20 kids involved; will be participating in competitions on 4th of July against other departments statewide/nationwide; program being run by BC's (Ofc. Klacking & Ofc. Gutierrez)
- Spanish Language Citizens Academy graduation last evening (March 24th); next Academy will be in English
- Response time goal is 6 minutes or less for Priority 1 calls;
- Budget:
 - Working closely with the POA; on the same page in terms of very critical areas, i.e.; the public service we provide; safety of our officers

- Need 57 officers to be at full staffing on patrol; currently at 48 due to several injuries and officers on light duty
- 7 vacancies right now
- Next Academy in July, possibly in San Bernardino
- Currently at 133 sworn; this is not enough
- It takes 18 months for new officers to be ready to go on the street
- 10% of the budget means 23 officers, this is not going to happen
- The Chief & Deputy Chief are crunching numbers
- There may be sacrifices needed by the POA
- Possibility of losing PAL, DARE, TPF & BC's
- Police Budget Meeting on 5/13 from 6:00-9:00 pm
- Fire Budget Meeting on 5/27 from 6:00-9:00 pm
- Eliminate Sobering Center
- No longer going to pay rent to lease the Annex and will move everyone back to the main building on January 1
- We do not have to pay booking fees to the Sheriff's Dept. at the present time, however, this could change
- Crime is up with youth
- We have 200 290's in the City (sex registrants)
- 350 felony parolees in the City
- Robbery & Burglaries up; Crime Impact Team formed to address this issue consisting of 1 Sergeant & 4 Officers
- Possible retirements: Sgt. Gaona, Officer Kattai & Officer Hansen
- Want to stay at 140 officers
- No one's fault that we are here
- Can talk more about budget at following meetings
- Mexican Consulate coming for a Cold Case meeting tomorrow morning here at the Police Department
- Salary/Benefits are a huge recruiting tool
- The Chief asked the Commissioners if they wanted to ask budget questions at the next meeting to please email Barbara the questions so that he will be prepared
- Councilmember/Fire & Police Department Liaison, Bendy White introduced himself to the commissioners

12. ADJORN: 5:45